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C O N F I D E N T I A L STUTTGART 0623

FOR POLITICAL ADVISORS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT GW CY

SUBJ: GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN WORKERS QUIET IN WAKE OF CYPRESS COUP

1. SUMMARY:

A DEMONSTRATION BY A MERE 100 GREEKS, TURKS, AND FOUR CYPRIOT STUDENTS IN STUTTGART JULY 16 PROTESTED THE COUP. THE ORGANIZERS WERE LEFTIST STUTTGART UNIVERSITY STUDENT ELEMENTS. FROM LOCAL GREEK AND POLICE SOURCES WE LEARN THAT THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO REACTION AMONG THE GREEK FOREIGN WORKERS TO THE COUP. THEY ARE LEADING NORMAL LIVES AND COMING AND GOING TO GREECE

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AT USUAL SEASONAL RATES. SHOULD THE MILITARY SITUATION

CHANGE, ON OR NEAR CYPRESS, THE 110,000 TURKS AND 70,000 GREEKS HERE MIGHT BEGIN TO REACT, BUT THERE ARE NO SIGNS YET. END SUMMARY.

2. LOCAL GREEK PARTICIPANTS IN DEMONSTRATION AND THEIR LEADERS WELL KNOW AS OPPONENTS OF THE ATHENS REGIME. THEY BLAMED "FASCISTS" AND "IMPERIALISTS" FOR ATTEMPTING "EN-SLAVE LAST REMAINING FREE GREEKS", I.E., THOSE ON CYPRESS. U.S. EQUALLY BLAMED FOR EVENTS. NO ANTI-TURKISH PRO-PAGANDA.

3. WE ARE INFORMED THAT TRAVELERS REACHING STUTTGART FROM GREECE REPORT MINIMAL NEWS COVERAGE IN ATHENS AND ELSEWHERE. THIS MEANS, LOCALLY, THAT GREEK WORKERS IN BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG PROBABLY BETTER INFORMED THAN THEIR FAMILIES IN GREECE.

4. POLICE TELL US MANY MAJOR GERMAN EMPLOYERS OF BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH WORKERS HAD ALREADY ADOPTED POLICY OF "SEPARATING" THESE POTENTIALLY VOLATILE ELEMENTS IN FACTORIES LONG BEFORE CYPRESS COUP. THIS WOULD REDUCE PROSPECTS FOR CLASHES IN LOCAL FACTORIES SHOULD INTERNATIONAL CRISIS DEVELOP. ADDITIONALLY, RELATIVELY FLAT STATE OF ECONOMY LAST SEVERAL MONTHS HAS WORRIED ALL FOREIGN WORKERS WHO KNOW THEY WILL BE AMONG FIRST TO GO IF POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC SITUATION SHOULD WORSEN.

5. AS BEST WE CAN JUDGE FROM HERE NOW, TWO POTENTIAL THREATS TO SECURITY AMERICANS AND US INSTALLATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE ANTICIPATED IF US WERE TO BECOME INVOLVED OR IF LOCAL GREEKS AND OR TURKS PERCEIVED US POSTURE AS EQUIVALENT TO INTERVENTION;

A) FOREIGN WORKERS EMPLOYED IN US INSTALLATIONS MIGHT BE THREAT;

B) GREEKS AND OR TURKS MIGHT FOMENT DEMONSTRATIONS OR OTHER DESTRUCTIVE ACTIONS AGAINST LARGE AMERICAN POPULATION, NUMEROUS AMERICAN ENTERPRISES, OR SEVERAL US INSTALLATION FROM OUTSIDE.
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6. WISH TO EMPHASIZE ALL IS QUIET AT PRESENT, POLICE ALERT TO OUR INTERESTS, AND WE SEE NO NEED TO BE WORRIED, JUST PRUDENT. RUCHTI

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